(a) whether it is a fact that the only new acquisition since 2001 has been three squadrons of the SU 30 MKT; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that all other programmes including a deal to purchase 126 fighters and the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) proposal will take another 5 years to fructify before new aircrafts enter services?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Induction of various aircraft are underway in addition to the Sukhoi 30 MKI to augment the squadron strength of the IAF. Responses have been received to the Request for Proposal for procurement of the Medium Multi Role Combat Aircraft and they are under technical evaluation. The acquisition process is on schedule and induction is likely to commence within the Eleventh Plan period. Further, the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft is likely to be inducted from 2010-11 onwards.

Resentment among armed forces against the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission

282. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is resentment among the armed forces against the Sixth Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) The Services had submitted a representation to the Government bringing out certain issues arising out of the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission (CPC). The Government has decided on most of the issues. Subsequently, few more issues have been raised by the Services *viz.* grant of higher grade pay to Service officers, placement of Lt. Col. and equivalent in Pay Band - 4, reinstatement of pensionary weightages for Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR), providing Higher Administrative Grade + Pay Band for Lt. Generals and equivalent holding post of principal Staff Officer, Director Generals, Controllers, etc.

Minister of External Affairs in consultation with the Defence Minister and the Finance Minister has decided on the various issues.

Successful trial of Nag missile

283. SHRI M. V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that winter trials of Nag missile has been completed successfully;

(b) if so, the details of Nag's capabilities;

(c) whether the DRDO is set to test this summer for its Summer trials; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Yes, Sir.